

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION

Towards the First Ministerial Level Meeting in 2013: Draft Roadmap

For discussion and agreement

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This document is shared with Steering Committee members for discussion under agenda items 2 and 4 of the first meeting of the Steering Committee (5-6 December 2012). It sets out a draft roadmap for a first ministerial-level meeting of the Global Partnership in 2013. Particular attention is drawn to the elements presented for discussion in the final section of the paper. Stakeholders are invited to identify specific proposals in advance of the Steering Committee's discussion (see paragraph 11).

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GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION: ROADMAP TOWARDS THE FIRST MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING

1. The Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation was established to sustain political dialogue on key issues relating to the effectiveness of development cooperation. At its final meeting in June 2012, the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness (WP-EFF) agreed that ministerial-level meetings of the Global Partnership would take place every 18-24 months and constitute the key forum for political dialogue and decision-making within the Global Partnership. The organization of regular ministerial-level meetings is important to sustain political momentum around the vision achieved in Busan and will also offer an opportunity for synergies with other ongoing initiatives at the international level, particularly the post-2015 UN development agenda.
2. This document outlines the vision and timing for the first ministerial meeting of the Global Partnership, which could take place in the second half of 2013. It also provides a basis for identifying a tentative timetable for the work of the Steering Committee in 2013.

I. Scope and format

3. The scope of the ministerial meeting agenda will be determined by what the Steering Committee agrees at its first meeting (see in particular agenda items 1 and 2). This should then determine the substantive priorities for the work of the Steering Committee and the Global Partnership. Given the desire for linkages with the post-2015 development agenda, a session could be devoted to discussion of the conclusions of the High Level Panel and implications for development co-operation (see separate scoping paper).
4. To ensure necessary focus on those issues requiring high-level political engagement, it will be important for the Steering Committee to be selective in framing the agenda and focusing priorities based on consultations with the broader membership of the GP. Guidance from the Steering Committee would be helpful in identifying a possible limited number of key issues for in-depth discussion.
5. The Steering Committee will be expected to provide guidance on the following:
 - *Duration:* [Likely 1-2 days]
 - *Sessions:* [Should the meeting focus on plenary sessions or involve break-out meetings?]
 - *Outcome:* [What format of outcome document is envisioned?]
6. In line with the spirit of the “global light” approach called for in Busan, effort should be made to keep the overall format streamlined with a limited number of relevant side events which could practically inform the discussion.

II. Timing and venue

7. The choice of venue and timing should ensure the relevance, strong impact, and efficiency of ministerial level meetings. Possibilities to organize meetings back-to-back with other relevant events will be explored whenever appropriate and possible.

8. In order to maintain momentum, it is foreseen that an initial ministerial meeting of the Global Partnership would take place during 2013. Sufficient time will be required to gather and prepare necessary inputs. In particular, data and evidence will need to be collected on progress made against global indicators and Busan commitments to inform political debates on issues of specific interest. Since the implementation of Busan commitments is seen as global “light” and country focused, country and regional evidence will need to be collected and prioritized. Sufficient lead time will also need to be factored in for analysis of the evidence collected and preparation of discussion documents, background materials, etc.; and for mobilization of stakeholders invited to present on experiences or make other contributions to the meeting.

9. Given strong interest in ensuring complementarities and linkages between the Global Partnership and the post-2015 development agenda, the timing of the Global Partnership ministerial meeting could reflect this. The UN High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda is set to submit its final report on 31 May 2013. An initial meeting of the Global Partnership, then, could be set for the second half of 2013, with a partial aim of examining the potential contribution of the GPEDC discussions to a successful post-2015 framework (see separate framing paper on post-2015).

10. The GPEDC ministerial meeting could take place either back-to-back with another relevant event, or as a standalone meeting. An initial list of relevant meetings in the second half of 2012 is presented below.

Month	Location	Meeting / notes
September	New York	UN General Assembly / High Level Meeting on MDGs
September	Russia	G20 Summit
October	Washington	Annual Meetings of IMF/WB
October	Switzerland	DCF Symposium
October	Bali	APEC Summit
Oct/Nov	Sri Lanka	Commonwealth Meeting

11. Steering Committee Members are invited to consult with stakeholders in their constituency to propose specific hosting options – either back-to-back with another meeting, or as a standalone event. **Members are encouraged to communicate specific proposals to the UNDP/OECD joint support team in advance of the SC meeting.**

III. Linkages with major processes and relevant initiatives

12. As discussed above, the timing and substance of the meeting should reflect the discussions on the post-2015 UN development agenda.

13. Linkages are also envisioned with the UN Development Cooperation Forum. In addition to exploring possibilities for back-to-back meetings, relevant discussions from DCF symposia held during 2013 could be expected to be featured at the GP, and conclusions from the GP ministerial to be included for discussion at the 2014 DCF.

14. Steering Committee members are asked to provide suggestions for linkages to other processes and initiatives (e.g. G20, regional initiatives and platforms, specific constituency processes) and to identify opportunities for engagement and consultations with the full range of the Global Partnership stakeholders.

IV. Tentative timetable for 2013

15. Based on the elements above, the following table presents a possible timeline for key decisions/actions leading to an initial meeting of the Global Partnership by the end of 2013.

Jan – Feb 2013	GPEDC stakeholders provide input to SC representatives based on initial substantive priorities identified at December SC meeting
Jan - March	Regional and thematic consultative events, including around existing meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-American Development Bank – Inter-American Investment Corporation Annual Meeting (Panama City) • Post-2015 High Level Panel meeting (Monrovia) • Post-2015 High Level Panel meeting (Bali) • Other workshops / meetings
	SC members consult with constituencies on priority work areas and experience-sharing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of second Steering Committee meeting
March-April	Steering Committee meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve broad agenda / format of GPEDC Ministerial • Present findings to date on priority work areas • Present early proposals for outcome at GPEDC Ministerial
April - June	Regional and thematic consultative events, including around existing meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African Development Bank Annual Meetings (Marrakech) • Asian Development Bank Annual Meetings (Delhi) • DCF High-Level Symposium (Addis Ababa) • Other workshops / meetings
	SC members consult with constituencies on priority work areas and experience-sharing Preparations for GPEDC Ministerial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm date / venue • Solicit monitoring and knowledge-sharing inputs
July	Final Preparatory Steering Committee meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final decisions on meeting structure and documentation
July – Aug+	GPEDC stakeholders prepare inputs for monitoring and knowledge-sharing (and other inputs as needed) to inform discussion at GPEDC Ministerial Analysis of evidence and preparation of progress report for advance circulation to GPEDC stakeholders
	Support team and host country / organisation prepare GPEDC ministerial logistics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary organization of sessions • Mobilization of facilitators/speakers • Formal invitations • Identification of logistical needs
Sep – Nov (tbc)	Regional and thematic consultative events, including around existing meetings Ministerial meeting of the Global Partnership

V. Next steps / Items for discussion and decision by the Steering Committee

16. At its first meeting, the Steering Committee may wish to:

- Provide guidance on the scope of GPEDC Ministerial, including (i) substantive focus of the meeting; (ii) length and format of meeting and sessions; (iii) likely outputs (e.g. outcome document or similar) and their scope.
- Indicate preferred timing and location of GPEDC Ministerial.
- Identify any priority events/processes with which to pursue substantive linkages

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